

REMARKS

The Examiners' courtesy in granting a personal interview on October 2, 2007 is appreciated.

By this Supplemental Amendment, certain claims have been made broader by eliminating some previously set forth limitations. A new claim, claim 48, has also been added.

A Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) is submitted with this amendment. The cited reference in this IDS relates to the Printrak SFS 2000™ device.

The SFS 2000™ device is not intended to be used as a portable handheld device in which an operator of the device holds it and presents it to a subject to capture the subject's fingerprint. Rather, the SFS 2000™ device is intended to be placed on a flat surface such that a subject can place his hand on the top surface of the device with the subject's finger positioned on the imaging surface of the device.

More specifically, referring to the first page of the reference, the subject's hand is placed on the top surface of the device near the indicator line labeled: "Correct Hand / Finger Placement Sensor Detector". The fingerprint imaging surface on which the tip of the finger rests is labeled: "Hardened Quartz Glass". "Sensors on the side the SFS 2000™ detect whether the correct hand and finger are being used, and the design also helps ensure correct finger placement." (See the second page of the reference). That is, these sensors are used to determine if the finger of the subject's right or left hand is being imaged.

The SFS 2000™ device provides for hand detection and built-in display for finger placement feedback to a subject when placing his hand on the device and his finger on the fingerprint imaging surface. As noted in the reference, the SFS 2000™ device provides "[r]eal-time on screen quality feedback and cues for the user (e.g., 'Press Harder / softer' or 'Move finger up / down') [to] optimize image quality and help prevent the most common error of single-finger systems: capture of the wrong finger."


In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that all the claims are now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, allowance of the claims at the earliest possible date is requested.

If prosecution of this application can be assisted by telephone, the Examiner is requested to call Applicants' undersigned attorney at (510) 267-4106.

Please apply any other charges or credits to deposit account number 500388 (Order No. IDTXP044).

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